

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1293

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A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Pastor Larry Braxton Guin on the occasion from his retirement from the ministry.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those individuals who have answered a divine call to the ministry and who have served with dedication, vigor, and enthusiasm to perform God's work for their congregations and their communities; and

WHEREAS, Larry Braxton Guin is one such stalwart servant of the Lord, who has faithfully served as the pastor of Jenkins Cumberland Presbyterian Church in Nolensville for the past twenty-two years; this humble man of God is now taking a much deserved retirement; and

WHEREAS, a gifted preacher, Pastor Guin delivered his final sermon on Mother's Day 2010; in the spirit of harmony and completion, he preached the same sermon he did on his first Sunday in the pulpit at Jenkins in 1987, a poignant homily about "being the body of Christ"; and

WHEREAS, Nolensville has indeed been blessed to have "Brother Larry" serve as the "community's pastor" for twenty-two years; he has befriended the good townspeople and ministered to all who have crossed his path; and

WHEREAS, Brother Larry has served enthusiastically as the unofficial, yet always available, pastor of the Liars Club that gathers at Two Way Stop, the needy, and the regular folks of Nolensville; and

WHEREAS, like any good spiritual shepherd, Pastor Guin has led the congregation of Jenkins Cumberland Presbyterian Church through many trials and tribulations to eventual enlightenment during his twenty-two year tenure with the church; and

WHEREAS, Brother Larry has ably developed his and his congregation's ideas for successful recurring events and programs to serve the community, spread the Word, and build faith in addition to raising funds, including Mother's Day Out, exercise classes, Quilting Club, Sleigh Bell Bazaar, annual barbeque, consignment sales, and the expansion of the youth program and Wednesday night dinners; and

WHEREAS, the son of Arlie and Eula Guin, Larry Guin holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration from Bethel College and a Master of Divinity degree in New Testament from Memphis Theological Seminary; and

WHEREAS, Brother Larry began his illustrious career in the ministry in 1966, at a four-church parish in north central Arkansas and subsequently performed God's mission in El Dorado, Arkansas, from 1969-1977 and Madison, Tennessee, from 1977-1987; and

WHEREAS, he has served the secular community as a member of Mill Creek Lodge and the Nolensville Lion's Club and as a volunteer firefighter; and

WHEREAS, his many personal and professional achievements aside, Pastor Guin is most appreciative of the love and companionship he shares with his wife of forty-two years, the former Carole Reeves; his daughters, Susan Carole and Elizabeth Ann; and his grandsons, Braxton and Thatcher Groce, of whom he is very proud; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career as a religious leader and humble servant of God, Pastor Larry Guin has demonstrated the utmost compassion, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his friends, his family, and his congregation at Jenkins Cumberland Presbyterian Church; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we extend to Pastor Larry Braxton Guin our heartfelt commendation as he retires from his long and productive pastorate at Jenkins Cumberland Presbyterian Church, thank him for his honorable service and spiritual inspiration to his congregation, and wish him all the best during the golden years of his retirement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.